--- “Series of 1889” - 20 Cigarettes - 21 x 28 mm. - scanned at 200% scale ---

--- Recess Printed in BLACK ink - 4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) ---

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With the **Budget of 1888** the distinction between *foreign* and *domestic leaf* tobacco was discontinued, the tax was now calculated at 60¢ per thousand cigarettes made from *any leaf weighing less* than 3 pounds per thousand - and at $1.00 per thousand for cigarettes weighing *more than* 3 pounds per thousand.

The **Budget of 1889** increased the excise duty to $1.50 per thousand for cigarettes weighing less than 3 pounds per thousand - and to $6.00 per thousand for cigarettes weighing over 3 pounds per thousand. At this time the use of the *weight denomination* was discontinued, and the stamp now indicted the *number of cigarettes* per package.

John McKay records that 645,300 copies of “20 Black Square Cigarettes” *recess printed* by hand press were ‘delivered’ under the **4th BABN Contract** (1886 -1892).

★**RC-109** - 20 cigarettes, perforated 12, with an unreadable violet cancellation - two copies

★**RC-109 PP** - 20 cigarettes, plate proof

★**RC-109 PP / CP** - 20 cigarettes, plate proof on light cardboard, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic

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